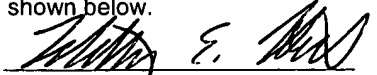


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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 3, 2005**

Attorney for Applicants in the above-captioned application hereby respond to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005. At the time the Office Action was mailed, claims 1 – 6 were pending. Attorney for Applicants is also filing a corrected Terminal Disclaimer.